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In re Application of

Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.

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Method of Staining, and Detecting and Counting

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the rejections in view of the present amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.